

## **Amendments to the Claims**

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A method for lowering blood glucose level, which comprises administering to a subject desired for the lowering of blood glucose level, a composition comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of curcumin and a curcuminoid as an active agent, with the intention of lowering blood glucose level in said subject.

13. (Currently amended) A method for reducing visceral fat, which comprises administering to a subject desired for the reduction of visceral fat, a composition comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of curcumin and a curcuminoid as an active agent, with the intention of reducing visceral fat in said subject.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 12, wherein said composition is in the form of a food or a drink.

16. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 13, wherein said composition is in the form of a food or a drink.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 12, wherein said composition is in the form of a pharmaceutical.

19. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 13, wherein said composition is in the form of a pharmaceutical.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 12, wherein said subject is a domestic animal or pet.

22. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 13, wherein said subject is a domestic animal or pet.